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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETEL, MARR, NATO

SUBJECT: INITIAL VOICE SWITCH NETWORK (IVSN) SPECIFICATION
FOR COMMON CHANNEL SIGNALLING

REF: STATE 283839

QUOTED BELOW IS TEXT OF LETTER NICSMA SENT MISSION RESPONDING
TO OUR LETTER TRANSMITTING INFORMATION IN STATE 283839.

BEGIN QUOTE:

DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, NICSMA HAS BEEN EXPEDITING
THE COMPLETION OF THE ACCESS SWITCH SPECIFICATIONS. INCLUDED
WITHIN THIS MAJOR TASK HAS BEEN A RATHER SIGNIFICANT REDIRECTION
TO INCORPORATE THE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE OF THE NJCEC TO REQUIRE
COMMON-CHANNEL INTERSWITCH SIGNALLING. TO COMPLICATE THE MATTER,
NICSMA HAS MADE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO ADDRESS ALL MNC
OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND ANY TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS RAISED
BY THE NATIONS. THIS HAS BEEN A LABORIOUS PROCESS.

2. AS OF THIS DATE THE IFB DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE
SPECIFICATIONS, ARE IN PROCESS OF FINAL REVIEW WITH SOME PARTS
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RELEASED FOR FINAL REPRODUCTION. UNLESS UNEXPECTED REQUIREMENTS
ISSUES DEVELOP NO FURTHER MODIFICATIONS ARE EXPECTED.

3. IN RECENT NATO COMMITTEE MEETINGS NICSMA HAS BEEN INVITED

TO MAKE NUMEROUS PRESENTATIONS ON SELECTED PARTS OF THE ACCESS SWITCH PROGRAMME. THE MOST CURRENT REQUEST IS TO OUTLINE BRIEFLY THE APPROACH NICSMA INTENDS FOR SPECIFYING COMMON-CHANNEL INTER-SWITCH SIGNALLING. THIS LATEST PRESENTATION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 18, WILL REFLECT CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES ADDRESSED IN YOUR LETTER, SUBJECT AS ABOVE, DATED 2 JANUARY 1975.

4. THE NICSMA STAFF HAS CONSIDERED THE COMMENTS IN THE REFERENCED LETTER IN DETAIL. ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO INCORPORATE ALL OF THE RECOMMENDED TECHNICAL PARAMETERS, IT IS FELT THAT THE ACCESS SWITCH SPECIFICATION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN THE LETTER. THE SALIENT PARTS OF THE SPECIFICATION WILL:

(A) PERMIT TECHNICALLY RESPONSIVE BIDS AND ALLOW FOR THE MOST REASONABLE COMPETITIVE SITUATION;

(B) PERMIT ADEQUATE FLEXIBILITY FOR CONTRACTORS TO DEMONSTRATE THE CAPABILITY TO MEET NICSMA PERCEIVED SYSTEM AND MILITARY OPERATIONAL NEEDS WITHOUT EXCESSIVE COST OR UNDUE TECHNICAL RISKS;

(C) ASSURE AN OPTIMUM SPECIFICATION RELATIVE TO THE APPROVED ROLE FOR THE NICS ACCESS SWITCH;

(D) PROVIDE A BASIS FOR TRANSITIONING TO THE NODAL NETWORK AND IMPROVED INTEROPERABILITY. IT MUST BE CLEAR HOWEVER THAT THIS SWITCH IS NOT DESIGNED TO RESOLVE ALL THE PRESENT INHERENT NATIONAL AND NATO INTEROPERABILITY IMPEDIMENTS BY ABSORBING THE TOTAL TECHNICAL BURDENS WITHIN THE DESIGN OF THIS SWITCH;

(E) PROVIDE FOR A REASONABLE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION BASELINE FOR BIDDING AND EVALUATION PURPOSES.

(SIGNED)

HAROLD A. KISSINGER

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END QUOTE.

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